

REMARKS

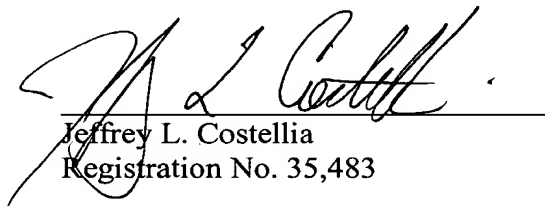
In response to the Advisory Action received in response to applicants' Request for Reconsideration filed on May 12, 2004, applicants further respond.

Claims 1-3 and 10-17 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-3 and 11-16 are independent.

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment. Applicants have added new claims 18-20, 23 and 24 which recite that the channel width direction is perpendicular to a carrier flow direction and claims 21 and 22 which recite that the channel length direction is parallel to a carrier flow direction.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed on May 12, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all the pending rejections and the application pass to issue. Should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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